

REMARKS

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given to this case as well as the detailed analysis provided for the restriction and election of species requirement.

Claims 1-19, 30-36, and 39 stand canceled. Applicants preserve the right to pursue these claims in one or more divisional Applications. Claims 21-24 and 26-29 were withdrawn. Claim 25 was amended to depend only from claim 16. Claims 16-20, 37, 38, and 40 are pending. No new matter has been added.

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 8, 2010, Applicants elect Group II, claims 16-20, 37, 38, 40, and claim 25 which has been amended to depends directly from claim 16. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's statement that the special technical features that are common to all of the independent claims are known.

Further in response to this Action, Applicants elect a single species from each of the categories provided by the Examiner and identify claim(s) readable on each of the elected species.

For the housing, Applicants elect the third species wherein the tubes are potted and fused to opposite ends of a housing. Applicants identify claims 16, 18, and 20 as readable on the elected species. Applicants maintain the right to have the unelected species considered once allowable subject matter for the elected species is found.

For the Tube species, Applicants elect the co-extruded tubes. Applicants identify claims 16, 18, and 20 as readable on the elected species. Applicants maintain the right to have the unelected species considered once allowable subject matter for the elected species is found.

For the Groove/Channel species, Applicants elect the second species of Figure 2B and identify claim 38 as readable on the elected species. Applicants maintain the right to have the unelected species considered once allowable subject matter for the elected species is found.

For the Apparatus species, Applicants elect the third species of Figure 6 and identify claim 25 as readable on the elected species. Applicants maintain the right to have the unelected species considered once allowable subject matter for the elected species is found.

In view of the remarks presented above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are in condition for final allowance and notice to such effect is respectfully requested. Although Applicants believes no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account No. **501-908** for any fees that may be due in connection with this response. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding these remarks, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone conference with the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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